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Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts on this topic.

I think that this should be considered just a start. Microsoft controls far too much of the computer industry. It forces potential competitors to spend very large amounts of money and resources to follow along in its path, instead of developing new ideas and concepts. The first thing a competitor must ask when developing a new idea is not if this idea will help its potential customers, but if will be compatible in the Microsoft-dominated industry.

Please think of the entire computer industry's health when considering any action regarding Microsoft.

Thank you